

REQUEST for CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000,
provided for continued examination of a utility or plant application
filed on or after June 8, 1995.

See the American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Application Number	10/524,026
Filing Date	February 9, 2005
First Named Inventor	Tsutomu NIIHO et al.
Group Art Unit	Group Art Unit 2613
Examiner Name	Examiner Hibret A. Woldekidan
Attorney Docket Number	2005_0184A
Confirmation No.	4884

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See *Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.*

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114
 - a. ☒ Previously submitted:
 - i. ☒ Please enter and consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on May 6, 2008
 - ii. ☐ Please consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on
 - iii. ☐ Other_
 - b. ☒ Enclosed:
 - i. ☐ Amendment/Reply
 - ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
 - iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
 - iv. ☒ Other Petition for One-Month Extension of Time
2. Miscellaneous
 - a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of months. (period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) required).
 - b. ☐ Other_
3. Fees (The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.)
 - a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees to our credit card.
 - i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)
 - ii. ☒ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. § 1.136 and § 1.17)
 - iii. ☐ Other_
 - b. ☐ Check in the amount of \$ enclosed

4. CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESS

CUSTOMER NO.

52349

/Mark D. Pratt/
By: 2008.06.03 15:33:45 -04'00'
Mark D. Pratt
Registration No. 45794

WENDEROTH, LIND & PONACK, L.L.P.
2033 "K" Street, N.W., Suite 800
Washington, D.C. 20006-1021
Phone:(202) 721-8200
Fax:(202) 721-8250

June 3, 2008